



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE**

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State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Name of Proposal: WDFW SE WASHINGTON DISTRICT 3 BEAVER DAM
MODIFICATION OR REMOVAL

Description of Proposal: Beaver dams in primarily small streams in SE WA often are large enough, or tall enough to block fish passage, especially during low summer stream flows, and in small streams if spring high flows do not blow the beaver dams out. All anadromous salmonids in SE WA are listed as Threatened under ESA. It is critical that fish passage in streams be maintained. The proposal is to have an existing HPA for SE WA that would permit fisheries or habitat program staff, WDFW enforcement officers, or Wildlife Area managers to remove or modify beaver dams to re-establish fish passage. This would allow the staff to fix a problem when they locate it. Several of these beaver dams are found each summer. This would allow these to be dealt with effectively, efficiently, and in a timely manner. All work to modify or remove the dams would be done by hand or with hand tools. Fish would be removed from the site if they become stranded or are placed in jeopardy.

Proponent: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Counties: Asotin, Garfield, Columbia, and Walla Walla, Washington, Includes all or portions of sections, townships and ranges: Townships: 6 to 14 N, Ranges: 31 to 47E WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **June 23, 2006**

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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e-mail: habitatSEPA@dfw.wa.gov if you have questions or comments about this determination.

DATE OF ISSUE: June 9, 2006 **SIGNATURE:** 

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